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GOD'S GREATEST GIFT TO YOU

(1.)

I. GOD'S GREATEST GIFT TO YOU IS A FRIEND.

A. A Beautiful Description of Him:

- He is the* 1. ARM OF THE LORD: Someone whom God uses to fulfill His purposes on earth.
2. Tender Plant: Human and fragile being of flesh and bone. Not rough and tough in nature nor disposition.
3. Root out of dry ground: Young man from the blood-line of a long corrupted race and nation of people. Dry ground of Nazareth a despised place. Quote: "Anything GOOD COME out of Naza
4. NO: form nor comeliness NOR beauty nor good looks---that would make him attractive to the general world.
So humble of origin and lowly of family that He was undesired and unwanted-- certainly as a LEADER !!!!
- He was* NOT a social, physical nor spiritual attraction!!!..to ~~anyone~~ anyone!!!
- was* 5. A Silent-type. Under stress he "opened not His mouth".
Like a lamb to the slaughter-silent.
Like a sheep for shearing----silent.
6. AND....God's great Plan for saving the souls of men shall prosper through the efforts of this Man.
7. He will be numbered among the "great" of all times: Isaiah said it best,
(*) Isa. 9:6-7. Peter too: Acts 4:12.!!!
- Jesus said it: John 3:16-17.
Paul said it: Romans 5:8.

OUR QUESTION OF INTEREST IS: "HOW did our

FRIEND

die for us....and...WHY????"

Left:

(*) Isaiah 53:1-12. *Malsonized*

11:20

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II. YOU REMEMBER: Jesus had 5 major hearings:

1. ANNAS-deposed High Priest, yet President of the Jewish Supreme Court-Sanhedrin.
2. CAIPHAS-acting High Priest in Jerusalem.
3. PILATE, the Roman Governor of Judea.
4. HEROD ANTIPAS, tetrarch of Galilee..
5. Back to PILATE for Condemnation and Sentencing to death on the Cross.

Share.
III. A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF WHAT THE JEWS AND ROMANS DID TO JESUS:

How HE DIED!

Good for Lord's supper time.

1. His friend and disciple Judas BETRAYED..
2. Jewish Army of the Chief Priests and Elders ARRESTED Jesus. BOUND Him.
3. Simon Peter DENIED his Master, 3 times.
4. All the Apostles FORSOKE Him at first.
5. FALSE WITNESSES testified against Him.
6. Judged GUILTY of Blasphemy & CONDEMNED.
7. They SPIT on Him: Jews & Romans. BOUND!
8. STRUCK Him repeatedly. Palms, fists, reed,
9. CROWNED Him with a wreath of thorns.
10. MOCKED Him, REVILED Him, DERIDED Him, RAILED at Him.
11. SCOURGED him, Half to death with whips. 39 lashes with bone, metal & stone tips.
12. FORCED the CROSS on His back, to be carried to Golgotha. Help given on the way.
13. CRUCIFIED between two thieves. NAILS driven into hands and feet.
14. Offered VINEGAR and GALL, which were rejected. (Their only pain-killer.)
15. Later, at the last, offered VINEGAR again, which He drank just as He died.

NOTE: When He died: Veil of Temple split.....
Earth - quaked. Tombs opened.....

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IV. SECOND QUESTION: **"WHY"** DID HE DIE????

A. Romans 3:23. All humankind in trouble.

• Romans 6:23a. Someone has to PAY!!!!!!!

SHOCKING!

B. SUGGEST TO YOU THAT JESUS WENT THROUGH ALL THE TORMENTS OF "HELL"--FOR YOU--ME!
ON THE CROSS!!!!

Pay close attention:

TO SPARE YOU!

Y. THE ELEMENTS OF HELL WHICH JESUS EXPERIENCED ON THE CROSS: (From: Luke 16. Lk. 12. Job 11. Matt. 13, 25, 27.)

A. **THIRST**; John 19:28 "I Thirst!". Rich man in Hell requested just one drop of water!! *Lk. 16.*

B. **TORMENT, PAIN, SORROW & GRIEF**, Rich man in Torment in the flames of Hell. *Lk. 16.*

C. **ISOLATION & LONELINESS**: "My God, My God..." Rich man--where GOOD people Couldn't and Wouldn't come forever. *Great grief!*

HELL: Good go away! Bad left behind! Judgment.

D. **BEGGING**: Begged water. Denied. Begged mercy. Denied. Begged warning for bros. Denied. **JESUS**: Begged "forgiveness" for His Tormentors. Lk. 23:34. "Others" **Too!**

E. **DARKNESS**: Job 10:20-22. Matt. 25:30 Unprofitable. 3 hours: Matt. 27:45. *6-9h* **Seems!**

VI. IN 712 B. C. ISAIAH, the prophet, **TOLD WHAT ALL THIS MEANT**:

1. V. 12. Pour *out* His soul unto death as the Lamb of God who could THEN take away sins.
2. V. 10. Gave His soul as an offering for sin
3. V. 12. Bore the sins of many. *In our place.*
4. V. 12. *Now* Makes intercessions for transgressor

INV: TWO RESPONSES IN ORDER AFTER LEARNING THIS: **HAVE A FRIEND! 15**

1. *Relief!* Relief. Joy. Praise. I can be SAVED!!!!!

Some! 2. **ACT!** Matt. 11:28-30. Show faith in Baptism. Show joy in repentance--return.